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1. INDOCHINA

THAI CABINET ANNOUNCES RELAXATION BORDER RESTRICTIONS
WITH LAOS, CAMBODIA IN EFFORT IMPROVE RELS WITH COMMUNIST
NEIGHBORS (WP).

2. INDONESIA

FRENCH-OWNED TOTAL, JAPANESE JAPEX SIGN NEW PRODUCTION-
SHARING AGREEMENTS WITH GOI, MAKING 5 FOREIGN OIL
COMPANIES ACCEPTING CONTRACT REVISIONS THAT GIVE GOI
85-15 PCT PROFIT SPLIT (UPI, NYT).

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DEWI SUKARNO IN EUR APPARENTLY TURNED TO JOURNALISM AS CAREER. JAKARTA DAILY PRINTS HER INTERVIEW WITH RUDOLPH NUREYEV IN PARIS (NYT).

3. AUSTRALIA

IRAN, AUSTRALIA PLANNING JOINT VENTURE FOR URANIUM DEVELOPMENT, ACCORDING GOA DEP PM ANTHONY, AFTER 2 DAYS' TALKS WITH IRANIAN OFFICIALS IN TEHRAN, MTG WITH SHAH (AP, WSJ). --

4. CHINA

GOVT/TRADE SOURCES SAY US HAS NO PLANS EXPORT GRAIN TO PRC, DESPITE STATEMENT TO CONTRARY MADE BY AGSEC BUTZ IN CHICAGO 8/9. PRC COMMODITY OFFICIALS INDICATED LAST WK THRU JAPANESE CONTACTS THAT NO COMMODITY DEALS WOULD BE DISCUSSED FOR AT LEAST 1 MO DUE QUAKE (REUTER, NYT).

5. JAPAN

BOEING/JAPAN'S OFFICIAL CIVIL TRANSPORT DEVEL CORP REPORTED NEAR AGREEMENT TUES ON MULTI-BILLION DOL JOINT PROJECT DEVELOP NEW MEDIUM-RANGE STOL "7X7" JETLINER, WITH 200-240 SEATS. SPOKESMAN SAID JAPANESE READY SIGN AGREEMENT BY FALL; IF ALL GOES WELL, EXPECT FIRST DELIVERY 1981 (REUTER, TOKYO). BOEING EXEC TERMED STATEMENT "PREMATURE," SINCE "SOME STICKY ISSUES" UNRESOLVED, INCLUDING "EQUIVALENCE ADJUSTMENT FEE" BOEING EXPECTS JAPANESE PAY FOR ENGINEERING/MARKETING EXPERTISE (BLUMENTHAL, NYT). AERITALIA AGREED EARLIER PUT UP 20-PCT OF DEVEL COSTS. BOEING SAID ALSO SEEKING UK, FRANCE, FRG PARTICIPATION.

ATAKA AND CO TERMINATED GRUMMAN SALES REP CONTRACT. EXEC SAID GRUMMAN WILL CARRY ON WITHOUT SALES AGENT IN JAPAN, WHERE GOVT EXPECTED SELECT NEW GENERATION FIGHTER BY YEAR END, FROM AMONG GRUMMAN F-14, MCD-D F-15, GD CORP F-16 (WSJ).

GOJ FIGURES RELEASED TUES SHOW JCP DECLARED 39.86 MILLION DOLS INCOME 1975, MOSTLY FROM PUBLISHING VENTURES. UNCLASSIFIED

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TOPPED LDP WHICH REPORTED 38.31 MILLION DOLS, 24.33 MILLION DOLS LESS THAN 1974 (AP, CHITRIB, WP).

SPOKESMAN SAID TOYO KOGYO SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH AUDI NSU/WANKEL EXPANDING RIGHTS MAKE/SELL ALL TYPES ROTARY ENGINE WORLDWIDE, EXCEPT NA WHERE CURTIS-WRIGHT HOLDS LICENSE (SUN, TOKYO).

US STUDY SHOWS NUMBER CONN MUFACTURING FIRMS WITH OVER 10-PCT FOREIGN OWNERSHIP NEARLY DOUBLED LAST YEAR, TO 43. UK, FRG TOP LIST INVESTORS, WHICH INCLUDES JAPAN.

WSTAR (8/11) CITES SOURCE WHO SAID JUS DEPT ALSO PROBING POSSIBLE CRIMINAL CHARGES IN HARRY KEARNS' CONFLICT OF INTEREST CASE; SOLD OWN STOCK IN SIAM KRAFT PAPER AT INFLATED PRICE TO MITSUI-USA, WHICH HAD SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS/TRANSACTIONS WITH EX-IM BANK.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

6. CHINA

MUNRO (WP) CONTINUES REPORTS FROM PEKING ON QUAKE AFTERMATH. CITES PRESS REPORTS ABOUT BUILDING "NEW SOCIALIST TANGSHAN," WHICH HE BELIEVES IS IMPLICIT ADMISSION OF TOTAL DESTRUCTION. ALSO NOTES REFERENCES TO WORKERS DETERMINED BUILD "NEW TANGSHAN IRON AND STEEL CO," LEAVING MESSAGE PRC LOST IMPORTANT STEEL MILL. CHINESE MEDIA INDICATE DAMAGE IN KAILUAN COAL FIELD NOT AS SEVERE AS BELIEVED; JUST OPPOSITE TRUE OF TIENTSIN, WHERE 4 ITALIAN ENGINEERS ASSESSED FAR GREATER DAMAGE THAN ORIGINALLY REPORTED BY TRAVELERS. ITALIANS' FILM CONFISCATED AFTER THEY TOOK PHOTOS TIENTSIN, WERE DISCOURAGED FROM MAKING CONTACT WITH THEIR EMB IN PEKING.

EVE GLOBE (8/10) STATES ONLY US' CONTINUING COMMITMENT TO TAIWAN'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY CONTAINS PRC THREAT WITHIN "RELATIVELY BENIGN BOUNDS OF PROPAGANDA." BELIEVES DOWNGRADING DIP TIES W/ROC WOULD INVITE DANGEROUS INSTABILITY IN ASIA WELL AS FURTHER CYNICISM OVER US DIP OBJECTIVES EVERYWHERE. SPECULATES DEF TREATY ABROGATION MAY FORCE TAIWAN SEEK SECURITY ARRANGEMENT

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W/SOVIETS--ONE POSSIBLY INCLUDING NUKE ARMS. CONCLUDES CHOU WISE TO SHELVE ISSUE IN MUTUAL INTERESTS US-PRC; URGES SUCCESSORS FOLLOW HIS LEAD.

CHITRIB STATES "NO EARTHLY REASON" WHY US SHOULD BREAK RELS W/ROC; WOULD GAIN NOTHING, BUT LOSE IMPORTANT FORWARD BASE IN SK/JAPAN/OKINAWA/PHILS PAC DEF LINE, WELL AS "STURDY ALLY". SAYS PEKING "VERY VAGUELY" FRIENDLY TOWARD US BECAUSE IT'S "SCARED TO THE MARROW" OF USSR; PEKING "WILL DRINK MAO TAI TOASTS WITH US" ONLY AS LONG AS NEEDED. CONCLUDES EVEN IF MORAL OBLIGATIONS IGNORED, PRAGMATICALLY SPEAKING, BREAKING RELS W/TAIWAN HAS "SIMPLY NO PAYOFF."

7. KOREA

SD UNION (8/1) ASSUMES FRASER COULD BE FORGIVEN FOR WONDERING HOW US PLANS REMAIN "STRONG AND FAITHFUL ALLY" AS PROMISED BY FORD. THO FAR FROM AUSTRALIA, FOCUSSES ON KOREA AS SYMBOL, BOTH TO ALLIES/COMMUNISTS, OF US COMMITMENT IN EA; CALLS IT GOOD PLACE START CLARIFYING US POLICY IN WAKE VN. ENDORSES HAK CALL IN SEATTLE FOR NEW ARRANGEMENT KEEP TRUCE. DECLARES REDEFINITION OF ROLE TO KEEP AGGRESSION IN CHECK IN KOREA IS GOOD POINT TO BEGIN SHAPING POLICY TO ACHIEVE THAT GOAL THROUGHOUT FE.

GELB (NYT) EXPLORES LINKAGE BETWEEN NUKE/CONVENTIONAL ARMS SALES BY US. FINDS NO CLEAR-CUT PATTERN IN WAY ADMIN HAS DEALT WITH MATTER VIS-A-VIS PAKISTAN, SK, BRAZIL, IRAN. IN CONTRAST OTHER CASES, NOTES ADMIN OFFICIALS INSIST NO PROMISE, OR EVEN HINTS ABOUT FUTURE ARMS SALES GIVEN ROK IN EXCHANGE FOR AGREEMENT LAST JAN TO CANCEL ORDER FOR FRENCH REPROCESSING PLANT.

8. PHILIPPINES

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) SAY MANY OF 81 RC BISHOPS IN PHILS DRAFTED MANIFESTO CONDEMNING SUPPRESSION HUMAN RIGHTS BY MARCOS. NOTE PRES, IMELDA HAVE COURTED CHURCH, HAVE HAD SOME SUCCESS IN PLACATING CARDINAL SIN. STATE NOW MOST BISHOPS TAKE STAND AGAINST ABUSES, DENOUNCE UNCLASSIFIED

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MARCOS-IMPOSED SUPERSTRUCTURE SECRET POLICE, INFORMERS, CORRUPT GENLS. QUOTE COPY OF MANIFESTO, THAT CLAIM SMUGGLED TO THEM, THAT NATION UNDER 1-MAN CONTROL; CORRUPTION RIFE, ACCOMPANIED BY VIOLENCE, TERROR; INDOCTRINATION CAMPS STARTED FOR YOUTH. ADD MANIFESTO DIVIDED INTO 37 SECTIONS, DEALING WITH EVERY FACET PHIL LIFE.

9. GENERAL

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PROF MONI NAG OF COLLEGE PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS WRITES TO NYT TO CRITICIZE 8/2 PETERSON ARTICLE ON FAMILY PLANNING IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. QUOTES RESEARCH PROJECT IN INDONESIA, NEPAL THAT FOUND CHILDREN OF GREAT ECON VALUE TO PARENTS FOR LABOR, OLD-AGE SECURITY. POINTS OUT THAT COUNTRIES WITH SPECTACULAR DECLINE FERTILITY 1960-73, SUCH AS HK, SINGAPORE, TAIWAN, SK HAD STRONG FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS, BUT ALSO RANKED HIGH IN SOCIO-ECON INDICES AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ROBINSON

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